

QUAS TONIA

The discussion as to the historicity of Jesus, at this time pushed into prominence, is a natural consequence of the unsettling of religious belief which comes inevitably from a scientific examination of the narratives of the Bible; from the critical analysis of the Christian evidences which has been introduced at this period. If the Bible is not accepted dogmatically as the Word of God, and therefore unquestionable, if its accounts of the dealings of God with man, if its solution of the problem of existence, its miracles and its narration of events, even though contradictory of natural possibilities are not believed in, simply because they are in the Bible, the whole structure of Christian theology falls to the ground. Whether the historic Jesus asserted or denied his supernatural origin and birth does not matter. Even if Dr. Savage admitted that the Gospels attributed Divinity to Jesus would reject it, all the same. He denies their infallibility, even their authenticity and credibility as historic documents of authoritative value. To discover infallibility, he might argue, requires infallibility in the discoverer and he knows no such power in man or in any assemblage of men. To him a dogma is nothing more than a human opinion. With those who start with belief in the supernatural authority of dogma, as an inspiration of the Holy Ghost, he can have no argument and they come with him. To the two sides can only affirm and deny without convincing.

methods, due not to leading politicians any more than to general conditions. Judging Mr. Stone by all the tests of the "historical method," it is safe to say that he is able and clean, according to the contemporary average of such things. And, furthermore, most of what we have read about Stone was printed *ex parte* and colored, consciously or unconsciously, to accomplish his defeat. If the *Mirror* disliked Mr. Stone much more than it does, it would still feel called upon to say in fairness that it would be well to give Mr. Stone a chance to do some thing before we assert that he is "too small for his job." He made a good Congressman, he was a fairly good Governor, he is a good lawyer, and he has won out in politics against powerful opposing interests and without much money at his disposal. These things show that he is far from being an accident. He "got there" on some thing more than a "gumshoe sneak," although the only fight upon him was itself of the nature of a "gumshoe sneak." There were able and popular candidates against Mr. Stone when he entered the field. Not one of them with any possible chance of winning stayed to the finish. There were able politicians and powerful newspapers and colossal corporations against him. They failed to beat him by all the tricks they knew. A man who can beat such a combination is not going to be lost in the Senate. He has a real shot in him, and it will assure itself. Missouri will some day be proud of Stone as she is to-day of Cookrell and Vest.—*St. Louis Mirror*

Dr. Arthur McDonald of St. Louis declares that "automobiles, electric cars, telephones and other luxuries of life are responsible for the increase in crime, insanity and suicide."

"What?" you say. "Are all the adjuncts of civilization, and is civilization a good thing?" Yes, but civilization has its perils. It is a great mistake to suppose that luxuries and conveniences add to life. If men suddenly used they abstract from life find strength in struggle. In fact as the comforts and facilities of modern life limit the natural struggle of mind and body is so far do they feeble mind and body. As Dr. McDonald says modern conveniences "an abnormal strain upon the nervous system as compared with the muscular system." Therefore the cry, "Back to Nature." Therefore the thousands and one "systems" of muscular development. Primal man for strength in doing things for him-

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